



# NOTES FROM THE RANGE

June 23, 2014



## Celebrating aviation history in Wichita

Congratulations to Spirit Aero for the 5,000th delivery in support of the 737 Next Generation aircraft.

Aviation is a core industry for Kansas. Spirit is one of several great aviation companies in Wichita, the air capital of the world.

## Celebrating success of the technical education program

In 2011, our Career Technical Education (CTE) program had 3,400 students enrolled. This year, more than 8,000 high school students participated in CTE, earning an industry-recognized certificate in addition to a high school diploma — a 236 percent increase in just four years.

Students enrolled in the CTE program are taking an important step in building their futures. By attending courses at local community colleges and accredited technical schools, they are gaining a marketable skill they can rely on for the rest of their lives and becoming the skilled workforce needed to fill jobs right here in Kansas.

The state pays the cost of tuition for students participating in the program. In addition, school districts are rewarded with a \$1,000 payment for each student who successfully completes the program. Last year, the state awarded \$703,000 to 111 school districts for students who successfully completed the program.

This year, the state will award a total of \$1.18 million to 135 school districts for successfully motivating students to complete their high school education and graduate ready for a career or continued education.

This year, the Olathe School District was awarded \$78,000 – the largest of any award given – recognizing the achievements of its students. Olathe had more than twice as many students in the CTE program than any other school district.

The CTE program is encouraging students to remain in high school and providing them with an opportunity to develop skills to find a good job.

I thank the Legislature, Board of Regents and Department of Education, for their support of this program.

*Sam Brownback*



**Honor Flight** — On June 3, more than 30 veterans from North Central Kansas stopped at the Capitol before embarking on an Honor Flight recognizing their service to the nation .



**GE Strother Field** — Enjoyed meeting with workers at GE's large jet engine maintenance and overhaul facility at Strother Field near Winfield in Cowley County.



**One Heart initiative** - Pleased to meet with Clark Hunt to talk about an initiative to help juvenile offenders.



**Mentoring 4 Success**— Mentors help offenders succeed after prison. Proud to meet Jose Huerta & mentor Jim Gardner.



**Career Technical Education**—Congratulations to all 135 Kansas school districts receiving awards for motivating their students to complete high school and earn an industry-recognized certificate.